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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD SYSTEMS

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1. IF DEPT WILLING TO INCREASE POST IV ALLOCATION BY ONE FULL GRANT EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO TENTATIVELY TO NOMINATE PER H. FRUE, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TO ATTEND MILTI-REGIONAL PROEJCT ON FOOD SYSTEMS. EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER GRUE WOULD BE A LOGICAL CONDIDATE OR WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE PORJECT BECAUSE OF SHIFITIN GOVERNMENT. GURE HAD BEEN PERSONAL SECRETARY TO PREVIOUS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND HAS JUST BEEN REAPPOINTEDTO THAT POSITION. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE THEREFORE SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT WITH GRUE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD. IF GRUE CAN ATTEND EMBASSY BELIEVES HE WILL BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR MILTI-REGIONAL PROJECT.

2. PER GRUE AT 33 IS ONE OF THE YOUNGER PERSONAL SECRETARIES IN NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CAPACITY HE HAS A BROAD RANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN FOOD SECTOR AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ELIMINATING ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS TO INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION IN NORWAY AND IN NORWAY'S PROGRAM ABROAD. AS AN EXAMPLE OF HIGH REAGARD HE ENJOYS IN NORWAY HE HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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APPOINTED AS PPERSONL SECRETARY TO TWO SUCCESSIVE

MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE.

3. GURE IS A TRAINED AGRONOMIST AND ECONOMIST. HE HAS TAUGHT BOTH AGRICULTURE SCIENCES AND ECONOMY AT UNIVERSITY OF TROMS. HE IS AUTHOR OF THE REPORT RECOMMENDING A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE NORWEGIAN DIET (I.E. LESS FATS, MORE PROTIEN,AND NUTRITIONAL SELF SUFFICIENCY) THAT HAS BEENSIGNALLED OUT BY FAO AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIS TO FOLLOW. HE

IS INFLUENTIAL IN ALL FOOD RELATED MATTERS IN NORWAY, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN NORWAY'S GROWING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND WILL CERTAINLY BE A MAJOR FORCE IN ORWEGIAN FOOD POLICY IN FUTURE. GURE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND IS ACCUSTOMED TO SEMINAR-TYPE DISCUSSIONS OF COMPLEX ECONOMIC,AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AWAIT RESULTS OF EMBASSY INTERVIEW WITH GRUE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON NOMINATION. EMBASSY WILL IMMEDIATELY CABLE RESULTS OF INTERVIEW TO DEPARTMENT.BYRNE

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